

## ABSTRACT

A system and method for evaluating documents is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment, a system and method for grading essays in an actual examination, or for submission and grading of essays in a practice mode is facilitated by a computer. The essay grading system receives submissions of essays concerning an essay topic, compares a submitted essay with an ideal essay concerning the same essay topic, scores the submitted essay, and comments on how to improve over the submitted essay. When commenting, the essay grading system lists a set of key terms that are contained in the ideal essay, with an indication whether each of these terms is contained in the submitted essay.

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